

in the Currency Declaration Form, in case the aggregate value of these exceeds US \$ 10,000/- or its equivalent w.e.f. 6.11.91 as against the earlier ceiling of \$ 1,000/-.

(c) Adequate powers already exist with the Government to curb economic crimes relating to foreign currency under the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act, 1973.

#### **Amendment of Patents Act, 1970**

296. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend patent of life forms by amending the Patents Act, 1970; and

(b) if so, the Government's stand in regard to joining the 'Plant Breeders Right'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Government has not taken any decision on patenting of life forms by amending the Indian Patents Act. However, the Department of Biotechnology has constituted a Committee which is currently examining issues related to the scope of patentability of biotechnological inventions. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is separately examining the issue of Plant Breeders' Rights and the question of Government's stand thereon.

#### **Bench of Bombay High Court at Kolhapur**

297. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a persistent demand from the public belonging to six western districts of Maharashtra for the establishment of a Bench of the Bombay High Court at Kolhapur; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received from time to time for establishing Benches of Bombay High Court at Amravati, Pune, Kolhapur and Sholapur in addition to the principal seat of the High Court at Bombay and its existing permanent Benches at Nagpur and Aurangabad.

(b) No decision can be taken by the Central Government unless a proposal with the recommendation of the High Court is received from the State Government in this regard. We await such proposal containing the High Court's recommendation to proceed further.

#### **Income Tax on Interest on Bank Deposits**

298. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO  
GAIKWAD  
SHRI P.C. THOMAS  
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI  
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE  
SHRI SOBHANADREES-  
WARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been sharp decline in the bank deposits as a result of the Government's decision to deduct tax at source on interest income from bank deposits;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the comparative figures of the bank

deposits as on 31 October during 1989, 1990 and 1991; and

(d) whether in view of decline in deposits the Union Government propose to review the scheme?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):** (a) to (d). The deposits of All Scheduled Commercial Banks have increased from Rs.199108 crores as on last Friday of June, 91 to Rs.214528 crores as on last Friday of October, 91.

The aggregate deposits of all Scheduled Commercial Banks as on last Friday of October, 89, October, 90 and October, 91 were as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in Crores)
October, 1989	156520
October, 1990	181780
October, 1991	214528

The trends in the growth of bank deposits remain under constant review of RBI and Government, and corrective steps taken whenever called for.

#### **Trade and Economic Relations with USSR**

299. **SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of the recent development in the USSR on Indo-Soviet trade; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken towards realignment of trade and economic relations with USSR?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE**

**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM):** (a) and (b). The comprehensive process of dismantling of physical and economic structure in the Soviet Union has had a negative impact on Indo-Soviet Trade. In view of this the Government is taking a number of steps to ensure that a new dynamism is imparted to bilateral trade. These steps include:

- (i) Establishing direct contacts with the Soviet Republics;
- (ii) Promotion of direct contacts at the commercial enterprise level including increased interaction between the business chambers of the two countries;
- (iii) Greater emphasis on new forms of economic cooperation like Joint Ventures; and
- (iv) As imports generate rupee funds for financing exports in the balanced trading system with the USSR, equal emphasis is being given to exports from the Soviet Union to India.

#### **Visit of US Trade Representative**

300. **SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:**  
**SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:**  
**SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHANAN:**  
**SHRI RABI RAY:**  
**SMT. MALINI BHAT-TACHARYA:**  
**PROF. SUSANTA CHAKRABORTY:**  
**SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL:**  
**SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:**

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

up so far under the scheme; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to completely mop up black money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Housing Bank (NHB) has launched on October 1, 1991, a Scheme to mop up Black Money known as "National Housing Bank (Voluntary Deposits) Scheme, 1991".

In terms of the scheme notified, a person may deposit an amount, minimum being Rs. 10,000/-thereafter in multiples of Rs. 1,000/-, in any of the designated branches of the 9 banks appointed for the purpose. 40% of the amount so deposited is to be credited to a Special Fund constituted for the purpose. The fund shall be utilised for the purpose of financing slum clearance and low cost housing for the poor. The balance 60% of the deposit may be withdrawn by the depositor without any lock-in period by submitting an application in the prescribed format. The 60% amount is payable to the depositor by way of a crossed account payee cheque. The designated branches shall also issue a certificate of withdrawal in respect of the 60% amount withdrawn by the depositor. The depositor is extended certain immunities under the Voluntary Deposits (Immunities & Exemptions) Act, 1991. In terms of the said Act, the person making deposit under the scheme shall not be required to disclose the nature and source of the deposit; no enquiry or investigation shall be initiated against the depositor merely because he had made the deposit; and the fact that the deposit has been made by him shall also be inadmissible as evidence in any proceedings relating to any offence except under the Indian Penal Code, Narcotics Protection and Psychotropic Substances Act, Terrorist &

Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act and Prevention of Corruption Act.

(c) to (e). NHB has reported that as per reports submitted by various banks, the amount received under the Scheme till 17th November, 1991 stood at Rs. 19. 57 crores.

(f) Government is seized of the problem of existence of black money in the economy and takes various steps from time to time to overcome it.

#### Setting up of Commodity Management Board

426. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are examining a proposal to set up Commodity Management Board for export and import of agricultural commodities;

(b) if so, whether a final decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the date by which the Commodity Management Board is likely to be set up and the details of its proposed set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d). There is such a proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Agriculture.

[*Translation*]

#### One-Rank-One-Pension Scheme

427. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:  
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

Subbarao, Shri Thota (Kakinada)  
Sukh Ram, Shri (Mandi)  
Sultanpuri, Shri Krishan Dutt (Shimla)  
Sundararaj, Shri N. (Pudukkottai)  
Sur, Shri Monoranjan (Basirhat)  
Sures. Shri Kodikkunil (Adoor)  
Swami, Shri Chinmayanand (Badaun)  
Swami, Shri Sureshanand (Jalesar)  
Swamy, Shri G. Venkat (Pedapalli)  
Syed Shahabuddin, Shri (Kishanganj)

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Tandel, Shri D.J. (Daman & Diu)  
Tara Singh, Shri (Kuruksheetra)  
Tej Narayan Singh, Shri (Buxar)  
Thakore, Shri Gabhaji Mangaji (Kapadwani)  
Thakur, Shri Mahendra Kumar Singh (Khandwa)  
Thangkalu, Shri K.V. (Dharmapuri)  
Tharadevi Sidhartha, Shrimati D.K. (Chikmagalur)  
Thomas, Prof. K.V. (Ernakulam)  
Thomas, Shri P.C. (Muvattupuzha)  
Thorat, Shri Sandipan Bhagwan (Pandharpur)  
Thungon Shri P.K. (Arunachal West)  
Tindivanam, Shri I. Ramamurthee (Tindivanam)  
Tirkey, Shri Pius (Alipurduars)

Tomar, Shri Ramesh Chand (Hapur)  
Topdar, Shri Tarit Baran (Barrackpore)  
Tope, Shri Ankushrao Raosaheb (Jalna)  
Topno, Kumari Frida (Sundargarh)  
Tripathi, Shri Lakshmi Narain Mani (Kaiserganj)  
Tripathi, Shri Prakash Narain (Banda)  
Tripathy, Shri Braja Kishore (Puri)  
Trivedi, Shri Arvind (Sabarkantha)  
Tytler, Shri Jagdish (Delhi Sadar)  
Uma Bharti, Kumari (Khajuraho)  
Umbrey, Shri Laeta (Arunachal East)  
Ummareddy Venkateswariu, Prof. (Tenali)  
Unnikrishnan, Shri K.P. (Badagara)  
Upadhyay, Shri Swarup (Tejpur)  
Urs, Shrimati Chandra Prabha (Mysore)

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Vadde, Shri Sobhanadreeswara Rao (Vijayawada)  
Vagheia, Shri Shankersinh (Godhra)  
Vajpayee, Shri Atal Bihari (Lucknow)  
Vandayar, Shri K. Thulasiah (Thanjavur)  
Varma, Shri Ratilal (Dhanduka)  
Veerappa, Shri Ramchandra (Bidar)  
Vekaria, Shri Shivlal Ngjibhai (Rajkot)  
Verma, Shri Bhawani Lal (Janjgir)  
Verma, Shri Phool Chand (Shajapur)

(a) the total installed capacity of power projects in India and power generated for per KW of installed capacity (KWH) 1989 and 1990;

(b) per capita consumption during these years;

(c) per capita consumption as compared to USA, UK, France, FRG, Sweden, Switzerland, Japan and USSR for the corresponding period.

(d) plans for power generation in million KWH for 1991 and projects for Eighth plan and investment proposed; and

(e) proposals if any, for fuller utilisation of the existing power capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Representations from J & K and Punjab Migrants Re. Inadequate Compensation.**

509. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of representations received by the Government from migrants of J & K and Punjab, during the last six months regarding inadequate payment of compensation and relief to them;

(b) the action taken by the Government to provide reasonable facilities to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). A number of represen-

tations have been received from the migrants for enhancement in the cash assistance being provided to them besides other items of relief. Effective 1st November, 91, the Government has enhanced the cash assistance to the migrants of Jammu and Kashmir in Delhi not staying in the Delhi Administration camps, from Rs. 200/- per person per month subject to a maximum of Rs. 800/- per month per family to Rs. 250/- per person per month subject to a maximum of Rs. 1000/- per month per family.

2. The Government of Jammu & Kashmir and Delhi Administration have issued instructions for re-imbusement of education fee to the Government Schools in respect of the children of the migrants staying in these schools. Improvement in sanitation, medical and other facilities in the camps have been undertaken. In Jammu and Delhi Senior Officers regularly meet the Representatives of the migrants particularly from the camps to discuss and sort-out the problems being faced by them. An Official group under the Chairmanship of Addl. Chief Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir with other concerned Senior Officers as members has been constituted to oversee the implementation of the decisions taken in regard to the relief to the migrants. Similarly the relief measures are being regularly reviewed in Delhi at Senior level.

**Guidelines for Manufacturing Pistols Etc.**

510. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have laid down any procedure or guidelines for opening factories for manufacturing pistols, revolvers or guns etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The manufacture of pistols, revolvers and rifles and their ammunition in the private sector is not permitted. The private sector gun manufacturing units in existence at the time of declaration of the Industrial policy Resolution 1956 of the Government of India are allowed to continue the manufacture of ML/BL guns and their ammunition.

### Power Shortage in Rajasthan

511. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has formulated any scheme to remove power shortage in Western Rajasthan in the year 1991 onwards:

(b) whether any scheme is under consideration of Government for electrification of Pali District Rajasthan;

(c) the time by which is under rural electrification will be completed; and

(d) whether there is any scheme to generate power through solar energy in Western Rajasthan in the year 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPA NATH RAI): (a) Out of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)'s power stations in the Northern Region viz: Singrauli (2000MW), Rihand (1000MW), Anta (413 MW), and Auraiya (652 MW) Rajasthan has been allocated a total share of 535 MW as per the Central formula; Rajasthan's allocation from the forth coming Dadri Gas Power

Project (817 MW) will be 75 MW.

The following project proposals have been received from NTPC for implementation in the Northern Region: -

(i) Rihand Stage - II (2x500MW), U.P.

(ii) Yamunanagar Thermal Power Project (4 x 210 MW), Haryana,

(iii) Faridabad Gas Power Project-I (800 MW) Haryana.

(iv) Anta - II (430 MW), Rajasthan.

(v) Dadri - II (400 MW), Delhi.

(vi) Farukhabad Gas Power Project (800 MW), U.P.

Rajasthan is entitled to allocation of power from these projects as per Central formula for allocation of power from central sector thermal power projects.

(b) and (c). In Pali District of Rajasthan, there are 818 villages. As on 31st March, 1991, all these villages have been electrified.

(d) A proposal to set up a 30 MW Solar Thermal Power project at villages Mathenia near Jodhpur in West Rajasthan has been received from the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources by the Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance.

[Translation]

### Major Power Projects

512. SHRI KRISHNA DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Loan sanctioned (Rs. in crores)		
		88-89	89-90	90-91
26.	A & N Islands	0.44	0.47	0.63
27.	Chandigarh	5.11	1.93	8.70
28.	Delhi	11.12	0.21	0.54
29.	Dadra & N.H.	-	-	-
30.	Pondicherry	0.78	2.97	-
31.	Lakshdweep	-	-	-
Total		547.09	822.37	1270.71

HUDCO has sanctioned since inception 17.69 lakhs dwelling units in urban areas.

[English]

**Working Group on Consumers Protection Act, 1986**

951. SHRI V. SBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group which has examined the working of Consumers Protection Act, 1986 has submitted its recommendations;

(b) whether the Government have taken any decision to correct the deficiencies that have been observed in the implementation of Consumers Protection Act, 1986; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Sometime back, certain procedural deficiencies regarding the quorum of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission/State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions/District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums were brought to the notice of the Central Government. These deficiencies were removed by promulgating the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Ordinance, 1991 which has since been replaced by the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Act, 1991.

**Committee to Review the Gadgil Formula**

952. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the composition and terms of reference of the Committee headed by Shri Pranab Mukherjee to review the Gadgil formula for Central assistance to States;

(b) whether the committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee?

<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Total	843.32
SC	108.81
ST	10.80

(b) Out of these 12.8 thousand and 8.1 thousand have passed the typewriting and shorthand tests respectively conducted by the Employment Exchanges.

(c) Only 0.7 thousand of them hold certificates issued by ITIs in typewriting and 4.5 thousand in shorthand.

(d) As per the records of the Employment Exchanges, few candidates have been waiting for employment since 1975 and bulk of them since 1980.

(e) The Employment Exchanges being only the sponsoring agency sponsor names of the candidates against the vacancies notified to them.

[*Translation*]

#### New Scheme of Rural Development Introduced in Rajasthan

1081. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Rajasthan Government has introduced with public assistance a new scheme named "Apna Gaon Apna Kam" for rural development;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to implement this scheme in whole of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Union Government is aware of the new scheme introduced by the Government of Rajasthan with public assistance namely "Apna Gaon Apna Kam" for rural development.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

#### Import of Edible Oil

1082. SHRI V. SOBHANADREES-  
WARA RAO VADDE:  
SHRI YASHWANTRAO  
PATIL:  
SHRI SANAT KUMAR  
MANDAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to allow the State Government to directly import edible oils provided they generate a commensurate export effort of value-added items from traditional and non-traditional areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government have identified these items;

(c) the terms and conditions for this import;

(d) whether the States concerned could sell this oil through Public Distribution System and to the Vanaspati Mills located in their areas at the rate to be determined by them; and

(e) whether apart from this import, the Union Government propose to continue to

release the prescribed quantity of imported edible oils as at present to the States concerned?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The terms and conditions of the scheme are given in the attached Statement.

(d) The entire quantity of Imported edible oil by the States/UTs will be distributed to the public through PDS, exclusively.

(e) No, Sir.

#### **STATEMENT**

*Terms & conditions for the scheme of import of edible oil (Palmolein) directly by the State Government*

(1) The quantity of total imports both by STC and State Governments would be restricted to one lakh fifty thousand tonnes only for the financial year 1991-92.

(2) The entire quantity of imported edible oil by States/UTs will be distributed to the Public through PDS, exclusively.

(3) The payment for the imported edible oil would be made in Indian Rupees which would be kept in an escrow account. The amount would be utilised for purpose of export of approved Indian goods list appended by the organisation which handles import of edible oil. State Governments would monitor the exports and ensure that there is no outgo of free foreign exchange.

(4) Any State Government wishing to import Palmolein for distribution in PDS may approach the Ministry of Civil Supplies & Public Distribution with a detailed scheme for prior approval.

(5) The price of imported oil would not be higher than the procurement price of STC or the average price paid by the STC in preceding 30 days.

(6) Customs duty would be levied at the rate of 40% Advalorem.

(7) The Import will be by the State Civil Supplies Corporations or such other Government Corporations as may be nominated by the State Governments.

(8) The State-wise ceilings of quantities to be imported would be decided by the Ministry of Civil Supplies & Public Distribution, Government of India on receipt of proposals from State Governments. State Governments may indicate their total requirements in this regard.

(9) The retail price of oil distributed through the PDS would be as decided by the Central Government from time to time.

(10) Central Government will not give any financial assistance or assist in any financial arrangement made in implementing the Scheme. The entire responsibility for implementing the scheme will be that of the State Government.

(11) State Governments opting for the scheme would not be eligible for oil, out of imports made by STC.

#### *List of Items Eligible for Export*

- (i) Jute products except yarn.
- (ii) Agro Products in consumer packs not exceeding 5 kgs and Fish other than Shrimps. In the case of shrimps, individually quick frozen/cooked/freeze dried and head-on-shrimps in block form.

D. The procedure and guidelines, as given above, are brought to the notice of the entrepreneurs for their information and guidance.

Sd/-

(S. Bhavani)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.  
F.No. 10 (74)/91-LP  
New Delhi, the 8th November, 1991.

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Principal Information Officer,  
Press Information Bureau,  
NEW DELHI

#### **Sale of Fertilisers in Andhra Pradesh at Higher Rates**

1085. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the fertilisers are being sold in Andhra Pradesh and other States at much higher prices than at the stipulated price level;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps proposed to ensure the availability of fertilisers at the fixed rates;

(d) the amount allocated to Andhra Pradesh during 1990-91 toward subsidy on fertilisers given to small and marginal farmers; and

(e) the amount that has actually been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). No specific and verifiable case has come to the notice of Government of India regarding fertilisers being sold in the state of Andhra Pradesh or any other state at prices higher than the maximum statutory price notified by Government.

(d) During the year 1990-91 there was no central sector scheme of providing subsidy to the small and marginal farmers in the country.

(e) The question does not arise.

#### **Shortage of Dwelling Units**

1086. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated shortage of dwelling units in rural as well as urban areas in the country as on date;

(b) whether the Government propose to bring forward amendments to the Urban Land Ceilings (Regulation) Act, 1976 to encourage the construction of dwelling units in large numbers;

(c) if so, the likely date by which the amendment is to be brought before the Parliament; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The housing shortage in the country as on 1.3.1991 has been estimated to be 31 million units - 20.6 million in rural areas and 10.4 million units in urban areas.

(b) to (d). The Government is considering various amendments to the said Act to encourage development of surplus vacant land for housing activities. It is expected that the amendment proposals can be brought before the Parliament in the next Session.

**Grants by CAPART to Institutions in Andhra Pradesh.**

1087. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the institutions and societies from Andhra Pradesh receiving grants from the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology;

(b) the grants provided to these institutions and societies during each of the last three years;

(c) whether any effort has been made to find out whether these grants are properly and fully utilised;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b).

The information is given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Institutions Societies in Andhra Pradesh which received grant from CAPART</i>	<i>Grant provided to these Institutions and Societies by CAPART.</i>
		<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>
1988-89	77	1,70
1989-90	109	1,86
1990-91	156	2,80

(c) to (e). Yes, Sir. The project holders are required to submit six monthly progress reports and the funds are released only if the progress is found satisfactory. The projects are also monitored by sending experts and accounting monitors to the project areas.

[*Translation*]

**Interest on the Amount Deposited with DDA**

1088. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some allottees of DDA flats have demanded interest on their money from DDA under the rule as DDA did not give possession of flats within the fixed period inspite of depositing the full amount in DDA on demand;

(b) the number of such pending with DDA; and

(c) the time by which payment of interest is likely to be made by taking a final decision in this regard?

notice by the Sri Lanka Government on 16 October 1991 and asked to leave Colombo by 21 October 1991 on the ground of mis-reporting. The charge of mis-reporting referred to his report on 15 October 1991 that the Sri Lankan Speaker of Parliament Mr. M.H. Mohamed had submitted his resignation. It was learnt later that this was not the case.

(c) and (d). On 17 October 1991, Government took up the matter regarding expulsion of the AIR correspondent with Sri Lanka Government through our Mission in Colombo. Government expressed regret at the expulsion order served on Shri Karuppaswamy in spite of the fact that both AIR and Doordarshan immediately retracted their earlier report about the resignation of the Sri Lankan Speaker. Notwithstanding our demarche, the Sri Lanka Government went through with Shri Karuppaswamy's expulsion. No action has yet been taken to replace the AIR correspondent.

#### **National Research Centre for Oil Palm**

1178. **SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the location for setting up of the National Research Centre for Oil Palm in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above Centre is likely to be set up?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA):** (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

#### **National Oilseeds Grid**

1179. **SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board has any proposal to set up a National Oilseeds Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the interests of the oil seed growers are adequately taken care in the proposed set up?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) National Dairy Development Board has a proposal to set up a National Oil Grid.

(b) The objective of the National Oil Grid is to link the major oilseeds producing areas with the demand centres which help in reducing wide fluctuations in the prices oils over seasons and regions. The proposal envisages :

- (i) creation of oil storage capacity at strategic locations;
- (ii) establishing packaging stations across the country to pack edible oils;
- (iii) developing an economical transport system to move oilseeds and oil from surplus to deficit zones.

(c) Yes, Sir. The proposal also envisages linking the above facilities with the already established oilseed processing refining and other infrastructure under the NDDDB financed oilseed Growers' Cooperative Project thereby benefiting member farmers.

#### **Development of Fisheries in Andhra Pradesh**

1180. **SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any team from Australia/World Bank visited Andhra Pradesh to survey the availability of fishery resources in the

out regular checks on the quality and quantity of milk sold through its booths;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether spilled over milk are resold by DMS;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to augment the supply of DMS milk in the evenings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. On an average per month about 2500 samples are tested for checking the quality and about 10,500 samples are tested for checking the quantity of milk sold through the Bulk Milk Vending Booths of Mother Dairy.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The question does not arise.

(e) Significant augmentation of the supply of DMS milk in the evening would be possible after the proposed capacity expansion during the Eighth Five Year Plan materialises.

#### **Allotment of Petrol Pumps, LPG Agencies to Unemployed Youth**

1232. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 165 on January 8, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the information regarding the number of unemployed graduates who were allotted petrol pumps and LPG agencies during the last one year has been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of SCs/STs who were allotted petrol pumps and agencies during the last three years;

(d) the details of the requests of the

unemployed graduates pending with the Ministry for the allotment of petrol pumps and LPG agencies till date; and

(e) the steps taken to expedite the action thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). During the year 1990-91 10 petrol/diesel retail outlets and 9 LPG distributorships were allotted to Unemployed Graduates.

(c) Petrol/Diesel retail outlets - 229  
LPG distributorships - 103

(d) and (e). No such records are maintained by the Government.

[Translation]

#### **Support Price for Agricultural Commodities**

1233. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:  
SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI:  
SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA  
RAO VADDE:  
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced the minimum support price for sugarcane and other agricultural commodities for 1991-92 season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the date by which the revised support price will come into effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The Government have announced minimum support prices for the 1991-92 marketing season as per details given below:

## STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Crop	Variety	Marketing Year 1991-92	Procurement/Minimum Support Price (Rs./quintal)
1.	Wheat	FAQ	April-March	225
2.	Barley	FAQ	-do-	200
3.	Gram	FAQ	-do-	450
4.	Rapeseed/Mustard	FAQ	-do-	600
5.	Safflower	FAQ	-do-	575
6.	Toria	FAQ	-do-	570
7.	Paddy	Common	Oct.-Sept.	230
8.	Jowar, Bajra, Ragi	FAQ	-do-	205
9.	Maize	FAQ	-do-	210
10.	Groundnut-in-shell	FAQ	-do-	645
11.	Soyabean	Yellow	-do-	445
		Black	-do-	395
12.	Sunflower Seed	FAQ	-do-	670

Sl. No.	Crop	Variety	Marketing Year 1991-92	Procurement/Minimum Support Price (Rs./quintal)
13.	Cotton	F-414/H. 777	-do-	695
		H-4	-do-	840
14.	Jute	TD-5	Oct.-Sept.	375
15.	Tobacco (Rs. per Kg.)	F-2	-do-	14.75
		L-2	-do-	16.00
16.	Copra	FAQ Milling	1991 (Jan.-Dec.)	1700
		FAQ Ball	-do-	1850
17.	Sugarcane* (Statutory Minimum Price) (SMP)		Oct. Sept.	24.00

\*Linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with a proportionate premium of every 0.1% above that level. It may, however be noted that the revision of the SMP is under consideration.

I.G. has been posted as Director (Security) in O.N.G.C. in the North-East region.

### **Control of Water Hyacinth**

1303. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether water hyacinth weed could be effectively controlled by releasing *Neochatina Weevils*;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to popularise this technique to control the water hyacinth which block several irrigation canals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Central Integrated Pest Management Centres under the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage have demonstrated successful control of water hyacinth by releasing *Neochatin* weevils in the an area of 5286 ha. in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Similar promising results have been achieved by the institutions under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Kerala Agricultural University.

As for irrigation canals, some releases have been made wherever request has been received from the concerned authorities.

### **World Bank Report on Fisheries**

1304. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank Report titled "Fisheries and Aqua culture Research

Capabilities and Needs in Asia," forecasts that there is likely to be a stagnancy in marine catch along the coastline in inshore area;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to tackle this situation

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The World Bank Report has not yet come to the notice of the Government. However there has been a steady growth in the production of fish from coastal waters in recent years.

(c) However, Government are taking steps to extend the range of operation of the fishing vessels to off shore waters by motorisation of traditional craft, introduction of off shore peiagic fishing boats, etc.

### **Request for Participation of Oil India Limited in Gas Cracker Project**

1305. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam has requested the Union Government to allow Oil India Limited to participate in a Gas cracker Project with a substantial equity holding; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request is under consideration.

[*Translation*]

### **Tissue Culture Technique**

1306. PROF. UMMAREDDY

**Loan from IMF**

1466. SHRI V. SREENIVASA  
PRASAD:  
SHRI M.V. CHANDRA  
SHEKARA MURTHY:  
SHRI SOBHANAD-  
REESWARA RAO  
VADDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had recently held a meeting with the Director of the Fiscal Research Department of the IMF at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held;

(c) whether the IMF has agreed to give loans to India; and

(d) if so, how much and under what terms and conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Director, Fiscal Affairs Department of the IMF, during his visit to India, called on the Finance Minister on 21-10-1991.

(b) Discussions focussed on the on-going efforts at fiscal consolidation.

(c) and (d). An amount of SDR 1656 million was approved by the IMF Board on 31.10.1991 under a Stand-by Arrangement. Out of this, an amount of SDR 85 million was drawn on 15.11.1991. The terms and conditions for access to the resources of the IMF have been negotiated and it has been ensured that the measures proposed to be adopted are those considered to be in the country's best economic interest.

**Bottlenecks in foreign investments**

1467. SHRI V. SREENIVASA  
PRASAD:  
SHRI M.V. CHANDRA-  
SHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund during his recent visit to New Delhi has described India's economic policy initiatives as an irreversible strategy and asked the Government to remove bottlenecks in the way of foreign investment;

(b) if so, the details of the bottlenecks pointed out by the Managing Director of IMF;

(c) whether the government have since chalked out any strategy to remove bottlenecks to boost foreign investments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

**Study group report on establishment of new Stock Exchanges**

1468. SHRI CHETAN P.S.  
CHAUHAN:  
SHRIMATI BHAVNA  
CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study Group set up for suggesting a policy for establishment of new Stock Exchanges has submitted its report;

### Opening of Evening Branches of Nationalised Banks

1536. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of evening branches of nationalised banks in various States, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to open atleast one evening branch of nationalised banks in every district;

(c) if so, by what time;

(d) whether the Government also propose to open one branch of each nationalised bank working round the clock in the State capitals and Metropolitan cities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the time by which these are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWARTHAKUR): (a) to (e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had advised the commercial banks as far back as in 1983 that they would have no objection to banks having elongated business hours with a view to improving customer service. However, it is necessary for the banks that the transactions conducted during such extended hours of business are merged with the main accounts of the branch where it is decided to provide the facilities. The banks are also to ensure that local laws are complied with and the concerned clearing houses are informed as and when the hours of business of any of the branches are extended. The information system of RBI does not generate data on the number of evening branches of the banks

functioning in various States. There is no proposal with RBI to open atleast one evening branch of banks in every district or working round the clock in the State capitals and metropolitan cities.

[English]

### Price of Raw Material for Handloom Industry

1537. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative prices of cotton, cotton yarn and chemical dyes and colours as on June 1, 1991 and September 1, 1991;

(b) the reasons for the steep increase in the prices of the above items; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices of these items to help the handloom weavers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) A Statement is enclosed.

(b) The prices of raw cotton and cotton yarn increased as a result of unexpected decline in cotton production, cost of fuel, rise in band rate etc.

(c) Government have taken several measures including making the spinning industry to agree to supply hand yarn at pre-budget prices to NHDC/State Handloom Agencies for onward supply to weavers. Constant monitoring of prices at Central and State Government level, directions to National Textile Corporation to augment production of yarn of counts of 40s and below to help the handloom weavers.

**STATEMENT***Comparative Prices of June, 1991 and September, 1991*

<i>Item</i>	<i>Prices</i>	
	<i>June, 1991</i>	<i>September, 1991</i>
Raw Cotton	219.6	252.9
Cotton Yarn	208.3	247.7
Vat Dyes (Indigo Solubilised & others)	182.0	182.0
Reactive Dyes	149.9	149.9
Organic Pigments	216.2	225.5
Optical Whitening Agents	122.5	122.5

**Source:** Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices in India as prepared by Ministry of Industry:

(Base 1981-82 = 100).

**Damage to Sericulture Crop in Southern States**

provided by the Union Government to the State Governments to combat the disease;

1538. SHRI SOBHANAD-REESWARA RAO VADDE: SHRI G. MADE GOWDA :

(e) if so, the details thereof, Statewise; and

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to compensate the farmers for the loss due to the above disease?

(a) whether there has been a great damage to sericulture crop in Southern States due to Pebrine disease;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). A certain amount of damage to sericulture due to pebrine disease has been reported by the Southern States viz. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) if so, the estimated loss, Statewise;

(c) the reasons for rapid spreading of the disease;

(c) Some of the reasons for spread of the disease are as follow:

(d) whether any assistance has been

- (i) Infection of pebrine in seed zone/area.
- (ii) Spread of disease through primary and secondary infections.
- (iii) Inadequate moth testing in the seed area grainages,
- (iv) Insufficiency of basic seed infrastructure.
- (v) Rearing of silkworm crop under unhygienic condition.

(d) to (f). The Central Silk Board (C.S.B.) has provided financial assistance to State Governments to carry out mass disinfection programmes by purchasing necessary disinfectants like formaldehyde and Bleaching Powder. By way of technical assistance to the State Governments, the Central Silk Board had constituted study and inspection teams to conduct surveys in selected seed zones of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. These teams also demonstrated various measures to control the pebrine disease to the farmers and State Govt. officials.

### Janata Cloth Scheme

1539. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the janata cloth scheme aiming at supply of dhoties and sarees to weaker sections at concessional rates is continuing;

(b) if so, the quantum of the cloth supplied to the consumers and its value, State-wise; and

(c) the portion of Central subsidy provided to States, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The actual quantum of janata cloth (State-wise) delivered to the distribution agencies for sale to consumers and the amount of subsidy released by Central Government against these deliveries during the year 1990-91 is given in the statement attached. The details of value of these deliveries are not maintained.

### STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of State	Delivery (in million sq.mts.)	Subsidy released (Rs.in crores)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	60.777	17.670
2.	Assam	40.169	9.220
3.	Bihar	9.053	4.095
4.	Gujarat	12.520	4.041
5.	Haryana	0.007	Nil
6.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of State</i>	<i>Delivery (in million sq.mts.)</i>	<i>Subsidy released (Rs.in crores)</i>
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	Nil
8.	Karnataka	38.480	10.532
9.	Kerala	0.137	0.006
10.	Madhya Pradesh	15.390	4.893
11.	Maharashtra	42.490	9.530
12.	Manipur	0.013	Nil
13.	Orissa	27.980	8.909
14.	Pondicherry	0.041	0.003
15.	Punjab	0.300	0.031
16.	Rajasthan	9.213	2.795
17.	Tamil Nadu	27.480	5.183
18.	Tripura	3.770	0.796
19.	Uttar Pradesh	107.130	38.121
20.	West Bengal	61.570	14.128
<b>Total</b>		<b>456.520</b>	<b>130.003</b>

**Export of Marine Products.**

1540. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes formulated by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for export of marine products;

(b) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the office of the MPEDA in

Visakhapatnam;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) implements various schemes for export of marine products such as: